

THE SECOND HEALTHCARE COALITION MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2006
SUMMARY OF EVENTS

The meeting began with the Chair of each of the four Workgroups “reporting out” on the status of their group to date. There was additional information dispersed which included the introductions of Chair and/or Co-Chair, the number of meetings conducted to date, progress made toward goals, the need for additional member perspectives and future plans of the workgroups.

Next, a description of the organization of the Coalition was given. The decision of the Executive Planning Committee to start with a Steering Committee was explained and its composition, purpose and communication methods were presented as well.

The members of the Interim Steering Committee are listed below:

•Availability Committee Chair	Brenda Lee
•Prescription Medication Committee Chair	Dr. William Byrne
•Affordability Committee Chair	Sarah Penna
•Needs Assessment Committee Chair	Dr. Barbara Brookmyer
•Frederick Memorial Hospital	Jim Williams
•Frederick County Health Department	Monica Grant
•Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs	Reverend Brian Scott
•Frederick Community Action Agency	Mike Spurrier
•Mission of Mercy	David Liddle
•Child Serving Agency	Margaret Nusbaum
•Mental Health	Pat Hanberry
•Private Citizen	Leigh Joos

The expectations for the next Coalition Meeting were addressed and it was felt that it should be determined by the progress of the Workgroups and the Steering Committee. However, it is anticipated that it will be scheduled within the next several months. It is further hoped that the membership of each of the workgroups will be augmented. During the last half of the meeting each workgroup had a chance to regroup and allow for a brief convening of its members.

WORKGROUP SUMMARIES

The Needs Assessment Workgroup has planned their next meeting for October 23rd from 3:30-5:00 pm at the Auditorium of the Frederick County Health Department. In addition, a guest will be joining the meeting from Carroll County to share some of the lessons learned from their prior Needs Assessment.

The Availability Workgroup is scheduled to meet on November 15th from 4:00-6:00 pm at Frederick Memorial Hospital. The specific location for the meeting has not yet been determined.

The Affordability Workgroup is planning to meet on November 16th at 7:00 pm at Abilities Network.

The Prescription Medication Workgroup will meet October 18th from 4:00-6:00 pm at Frederick Memorial Hospital in the same Classrooms as the original Summit Meeting.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please feel free to access the website for up-to-date information regarding the Frederick Health Summit and Healthcare Access Coalition activities at:

<http://www.co.frederick.md.us/HealthDept/healthsummit.htm>